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BRAD AND ANGELINA WED IN SECRET



EXCLUSIVE ■ by NIGEL PAULEY

HOLLYWOOD couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have tied the knot - just weeks after Pitt got divorced from Jennifer Aniston. The celebrity pair are said to have exchanged vows during a secret Buddhist ceremony
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'Cops are thickos'

POLICE recruits are thick, it was claimed yesterday.

The tests they take to get the job are far too easy, said former schools inspector Chris Woodhead.

He added: "I was quite shocked - they are way below GCSEs."

Past questions for would-be coppers have included:

● A purse was found with one £5 note, four

SHOCK AT EASY ROOKIES' TEST

by MACER HALL

20p coins and five 2p coins. How much did the purse contain?

● Fill in the missing words in the following phrase: "One hundred officers ... allocated for ..."

Choose words from:

was / were / crowd / crowd."

Mr Woodhead (right) said: "There are issues about the academic ability of new entrants to the profession."

His Politea think tank report, compiled with help from people from

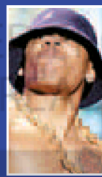
business, the Forces and Civil Service, said recruitment procedures had barely changed in 200 years.

The Home Office said that it had launched a drive to improve police standards and more than a third of recent recruits were graduates.



Happy Birthday

Rap star Cornell "Nelly" Haynes Jr, who has sold 30 million albums and singles is 32.



Thought for the day...

Nothing is impossible for the person who doesn't have to do it!

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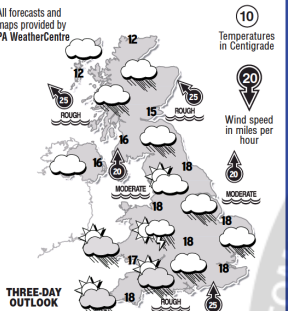
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OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, southern England and south Wales will have strong to gale force winds and heavy showers. The rest of the UK will be blustery with showers or rain.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday
Rain

Friday
Showers

Saturday
Showers

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Australia	2.25 dollars
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ABROAD

Algeria	sunny	23c (73f)	Moscow	sunny	4c (39f)
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Dublin	sunny	11c (52f)	Paris	cloudy	20c (68f)
L.A.	sunny	26c (79f)	Rhodes	sunny	17c (63f)
Majorca	fair	23c (73f)	Rome	fair	19c (66f)
Miami	fair	26c (79f)	Tenerife	sunny	26c (79f)

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LABOUR MPs TELL SLEAZE ROW BLUNKO TO QUIT AGAIN



Okay Daisy...you know where the nearest exit is

LABOUR MPs called for David Blunkett to quit again last night over yet more sleaze allegations.

The Work and Pensions Secretary has accepted up to £20,000 in undeclared payments from a charity.

He faces a probe into his financial



by MACER HALL
Political Editor

affairs following a string of claims about his conduct. It was only last year he quit as Home Secretary over a fast-tracked visa for ex-lover Kimberly Quinn's nanny.

Senior Labour backbencher Peter Kilfoyle said: "Damage has been done to the credibility of the man, but more importantly to Parliament."

And Labour MP Ian Gibson last night said: "If it was me in that position, I'd be considering resigning."

Tony Blair's spokesman failed to declare his "complete confidence" in him, instead saying: "David Blunkett has the Prime Minister's full support."

Mr Blunkett, 58, did not tell political standards chiefs about his work as an advisor for the Organisation for Research and Technology - thought to be prepar-

ing a bid to win a schools contract.

Ex Education Secretary Blunkett earned £15,000-£20,000 from his services.

The claim follows controversy over his share deal in a paternity testing firm that could have netted his family a £300,000 windfall.

Earlier this week, he returned a £15,000 stake in DNA Bioscience after the outcry, but the MPs standards watchdog declared he breached conduct rules.

He has told colleagues he needed the cash as he feared he would "spend my boy's inheritance" in a custody battle with his ex-lover Kimberly Quinn, 44.

Wrong

But in a rant to his local Sheffield newspaper yesterday, he claimed he'd done "nothing wrong".

He said: "The Prime Minister has made his decision and no matter what the Conservatives want, I am not resigning."

Critics believe he should never have been brought back into the Cabinet.

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SAUSAGE makers have appealed to the European Courts of Justice to protect the Cumberland banger. They want the same status which was given to Parma ham and Feta cheese. This would mean only sausages produced or processed in Cumbria could call themselves Cumberland.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9 12 14 17 18 20 22

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

SATURDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 29

2 5 13 30 39 49 3

One ticket matched six balls for the £5.2m jackpot

EXTRA: 2, 10, 29, 32, 40, 46 T-Ball: 2, 5, 9, 17, 20 (7's 8)

No Extra winners of £1.9m jackpot. No £250k T-Ball winners

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 26

10 14 26 28 33 38 23

One winning ticket scoops £2.7 million

Extra: 15, 19, 28, 32, 33, 43 T-Ball: 5, 12, 17, 25, 27 (7's 14)

No Extra winners of £1.8m jackpot. No £250k T-Ball winners

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

14, 36, 44, 47, 50

Lucky Star Numbers 3, 5

No UK winners of the £16.7m jackpot

COUNCIL taxpayers face a £100-a-year hike in their bills unless the Government plugs a £2.2 billion "black hole" town hall chiefs warned yesterday.

The Local Government Association insisted government demands for action were outstripping resources to pay for them.

Natasha

Charlotte



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THE HAPPY COUPLE: Angelina and Brad

Angie weds Pitt in secret

From Page One

which was attended by a few family and friends, including Tom Raider star Angelina's adopted children Maddox, four, and nine-month-old Zahara.

A Hollywood source said: "Brad and Angelina wanted to make a commitment to each other as soon as possible and arranged a private wedding to seal their love."

"They exchanged vows in a Buddhist ceremony which isn't legally binding - but in Brad and Angelina's eyes, they're married."

According to reports, Troy star Brad, 41, has been seen wearing a "thick gold band" on his wedding finger.

Family

And devout Buddhist Angelina, 30, has reportedly been heard referring to Brad as her "husband".

Sources claim it won't be long before the couple, who began dating after meeting on the set of Mr And Mrs Smith last year, legally marry in the States.

"Brad and Angelina are totally in love and didn't want to wait to go public before making a commitment," the source added.

"Brad is desperate to make Angelina happy. He knows her children come first in life and wants them to be a family."

For months the reclusive couple tried to keep out of the public eye and would not even admit to being an item.

While jetting the globe promoting Mr and Mrs Smith, they even stayed in different hotels and banned reporters from asking if they were seeing each other.

But, as the Daily Star revealed yesterday, Hollywood watchers claim the couple have been spotted in public more often recently.

Blamed

We showed the first pictures of the couple and the two children playing happy families on the beach near Brad's Malibu home.

Ocean's 12 star Brad is said to be a "brilliant" stepdad to Angelina's kids. Maddox even calls him Daddy.

Onlookers reckon Brad has never looked happier and say he seems to have plenty of patience with Maddox, who is "quite a handful".

Pals claimed Brad tried to distance himself from Angelina at first, as he did not want her blamed for the break-up of his marriage to former Friends star Jennifer, 36.

Their divorce was finalised on October 2 and she is now dating actor Vince Vaughn, 35, who is already rumoured to have proposed to her.

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Reality telly stardom turns

BIG BRO

Bosses vow to help star



SUFFERING: Lesley

BIG Brother bosses last night offered to come to the rescue of stricken skid-row star Lesley Sanderson.

They were "horrified" to discover the 19-year-old's life has fallen apart in the three months since she appeared on the hit show.

Yesterday we revealed that Lesley had split from her family and hit the bottle. She has blown all her money, moved into a squalid flat in an alleged red light dis-

EXCLUSIVE

by JERRY LAWTON

trict and told police she was raped in a hotel room.

Worried parents Paul, 36, and Heather, 39, last night begged Lesley: "Please come home and sort your life out!"

Their daughter has not spoken to them since storming out of a vital family crisis meeting more than a week ago.

Last night BB officials offered Lesley counselling to help her come to terms with the pressures of fame.

A senior source told the Daily Star: "Everyone was horrified to hear Lesley has had problems."

"Though she was only on the show for a couple of weeks she was a popular housemate with the crew."

Plight

"Everyone is sympathetic to her plight."

"She spoke to a counsellor the night she was voted off the show and appeared to have a handle on the situation."

"All contestants are offered the chance of another meeting with a counsellor six months after they've



SHOCK: Yesterday's story

appeared on the show. In Lesley's case it may be possible that she needs help right now.

"We would certainly offer her the opportunity to see one of our trained counsellors if she wished."

Her parents say Lesley changed the moment she came out of the BB house.

She blew £3,500 in three weeks on parties and booze.

After a series of blazing rows she walked out of the family's smart detached home in Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, West Yorks.

Just 12 hours later she alleges she was raped in Leeds by a man she had met just a few days earlier.

She is now living in squalor in a rundown district of Huddersfield where prostitutes walk the streets, and has blown all her savings.

Last night dad Paul said: "We just want Lesley to come home and be one of the family again."

"We are desperately worried about her. We want her to see sense, get her mind straight and start looking forward to the future."

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CURSE MATES



Picture: SHOWBIZ LONDON / MATRIX

HOUSE OF MISERY: BB winner Kate Lawler

LESLEY Sanderson is the latest victim of the BB curse.

Kate Lawler, 25, won BB3 but has split from soccer star boyfriend Jonathan Woodgate, also 25, and been criticised for her weight loss.

BB5 winner Nadia Almada, 28, recently checked into The Priory as she battled with depression.

"Nasty" Nick Bateman, 26, from the first Big Brother, became a national hate figure and got death threats after he was exposed as a cheat by the other contestants.

Another of the first housemates, bisexual Nichola Holt, 34, tried to launch a music career but her single flopped. She ended up in porn films. Beauty Nush Nowak, 26, was brutally mugged by an attacker who

by IAIN BURCHELL

recognised her from BB4. The assault in 2003 left her with a broken leg and shattered kneecap.

Other housemates have fared little better. Posh Tim Culley, 26, from BB3 was so unpopular he was forced to start a new life in South Africa.

Meanwhile fans' favourite Jade Goody, 24, has made a fortune.

But she later broke up with the father of her two kids Jeff Brazier, 24, and in September her estranged junkie dad Andrew, 42, was found dead from an overdose in a KFC toilet.

And BB6 beauty Makosi Musambasi, 24, fears she could be deported back to Zimbabwe for breaking the terms of her visa.

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sour as housemates find life on the outside tough

TO SAVE LESLEY

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Craig has a bash at partying

BB's Craig Coates really let his hair down when he and pals celebrated his 21st birthday.

True to form the camp hairdresser drank far too much and made a fool of himself in front of everyone.

Guests included his housemates and some contestants from last year, including gorgeous Michelle Bass, 24, pictured left. Other partygoers included loved-up Maxwell Ward, 24, Saskia Howard-Clarke, 23, and Orlaith McAllister, 26, right.

The Cheeky Girls also turned up, as did Portugeezer Nadia Almada, 28.

But Craig's best mate in the house - winner Anthony Hutton, 23, who he had a teenage crush on - failed to turn up to Hallowe'en do at London's Zeta Bar.

BIRTHDAY BOY: Craig has a ball, inset, and, below right, Max and Saskia

Picture: COPETTI-FERRARINI / MATRIX

Ant's panto flight terror

BIG Brother champion Anthony Hutton landed in big bother yesterday in a terrifying runway drama.

The 23-year-old's plane from London to Darlington, where he is in panto rehearsals, started bouncing around just before take-off. He said: "We suddenly ground to a halt and were kept on the runway while they sorted it out. It was quite hairy."

The Geordie is to play a jester in Beauty And The Beast and is also releasing a "cheesy" keep-fit video featuring his skills as a 70s dancer.



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'We'll never forget the 52'

by TOM SAVAGE

SURVIVORS of the 7/7 bombings and relatives of the dead remembered the victims at the national memorial service yesterday.

The Queen and Tony Blair attended the service under the dome of St Paul's Cathedral in London to pay tribute to the 52 innocents killed in the attacks.

They heard the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, 55, praise the victims.

He said: "The terrorist is the enemy not just of a system or a government, but of the whole idea that we are each of us unique and non-replaceable."

Trauma

"Those who suffered injury and deep trauma and loss are likewise unique, their minds and hearts scarred by this suffering."

More than 2,300 people, including emergency service workers who coped with the aftermath of the blasts, packed St Paul's to hear the multi-faith service.

Four suicide bombers struck London's transport system during rush hour on July 7.

Bombs exploded in rucksacks on Tube trains at Aldgate, Edgware Road and between King's Cross and Russell Square



TEARS: A girl at the service stations, and on a No. 30 bus in Tavistock Square. More than 700 people were hurt.

In the service, four candles – one for each of the bomb sites – were lit in remembrance.

Emergency and transport workers, accompanied by bereaved families, carried the candles to the altar.

Others at the service included the Duke of Edinburgh, 84, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, 67, Chancellor Gordon Brown, 54, Tory leader Michael Howard, 64, Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy, 45, and Police chief Sir Ian Blair, 52.

Afterwards The Queen, 79, met some of the families of the dead on the steps of St Paul's.

She was given a posy by seven-year-old Ruby Gray, whose father Richard, 41, was killed in the Aldgate blast.

Ruby went to the service with mum Louise, 33, but her brother Adam, 11, refused to attend as he still blames Mr Blair, 52, for making London a terror target.

GRIEF: Ruby Gray and mum Louise

LIVE SAVER: Alison saved two blast victims by tying clothing round their bleeding limbs



Picture: STEVE WATERS

ANGEL OF 7/7



GET US OUT: Terror in the tunnel on July 7

Alison tells how she saved Tube victims

A WOMAN who became a "guardian angel" to Tube survivors of the 7/7 London bombings spoke of her ordeal for the first time yesterday.

Alison MacCarthy, 30 – who was badly hurt by shrapnel – saved at least two victims' lives as they lay severely injured in the twisted wreckage.

The Piccadilly Line Tube train bomb exploded just two feet from her – but another woman even closer took the force of the blast and was killed.

Alison, who had a hole torn in her leg, and chunks of metal scattered through her body, remembers a "huge force" throwing her down.

She recalled the sensation of "the force crumpling me up again and again". She said: "I am crushed by the ceiling coming down and by people and bits of people landing on me."

She found herself the only person in the carriage able to move and ignored her own suffering to help others.

Dead and dying people were all around – but she thought the horror was caused by a crash.

Alison recalled: "The carriage, which has been jam-packed, is

by TOM SAVAGE

empty. I can hear screaming, there is thick, black, acrid smoke and a smell of burning from the metal, rubber and burning flesh."

She saw someone struggling near her, and introduced herself to him, even shaking his hand as he told her he was called Garri. She added: "And that is when he says, matter-of-factly, 'Oh, I've lost my leg'."

Alison comforted him and at first lied, saying: "No, no, it's just that you can't feel it. What do you say to someone who has lost a leg?"

Alison tied her jacket sleeve round his leg to stem the bleeding and stayed with him for an hour.

Scarf

She said: "Every few minutes he'd say 'I'm going'. So I'd hit him and say, Garri, you've got to stay with me."

Garri, 37, said: "She was full of shrapnel and yet she helped all of us. I wouldn't be alive today if it wasn't for her."

Before tending to Garri she also saved Gill Hicks, 37, who'd lost both legs.

Alison tied the woman's headscarf around her legs to stem the loss of blood.

Alison also helped a badly maimed third person – who she believes died.

She said: "My main feeling was one of intense frustration I couldn't do more."

Alison, of North London, who has had an operation and six skin grafts, cannot forgive bomber Jermaine Lindsay, 19.

"I can never comprehend the hatred," she said. "There isn't a day that goes by that I don't feel incredibly fortunate to be here."

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What do you tell someone who has lost a leg?

THE Memorial Service for the victims of the 7/7 bombings was held against a difficult background.

Some relatives, who complained that they were sidelined by the organisers, refused the chance to contribute to the occasion.

Others, like an 11-year-old boy who lost his father, boycotted the

event because they blame Tony Blair for making London a terror target.

The bickering and resentment was forgotten, though, during a truly moving service.

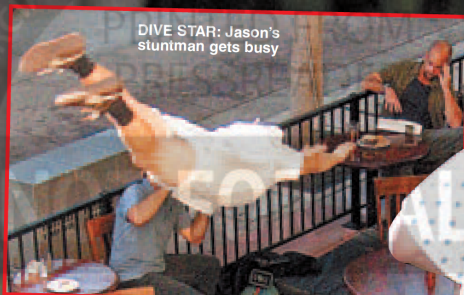
Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, found the right words to capture the nation's horror and grief.

He told the service: "Those who so pointlessly and terribly died were, each one of them, precious, non-replaceable."

We will always remember the 52 who were murdered at random by the Muslim terrorists on that terrible Thursday back in July.

The attack on them was an attack on us all.

DAILY STAR
says



DIVE STAR: Jason's stuntman gets busy



CRASH: "Waiter, there's an actor in my soup..."



TAKEAWAY: Jason leaps to safety



Lock, stock & two sore cheeks

JASON HAS A FRESH CRACK AT STARDOM

by NIGEL PAULEY

★ BRIT star Jason Statham knows you have to start at the bottom if you want to make it to the top.

The 33-year-old Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels star clearly has a bum deal in his new Hollywood movie role.

★ Kelly Brook's former lover flashed his bottom in a skimpy hospital gown while shooting a motorbike crash scene for the film Crank in Beverly Hills. Jason plays a hitman who goes on a 24-hour rampage when he discovers that someone has been poisoning him.

★ His character does a runner from his hospital bed and then zooms off on a stolen police motorcycle. Jason certainly looks the part in the action sequences. But we should probably reveal a stuntman actually tumbled off the machine.

★ However, with that rear view maybe Jason could join EastEnders as a new member of the "Moon" Family.

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'RANTING COLLY DRUNK, RUDE ...AND A PAIN IN THE BUTT'

SMILES: Collymore at the club before the big bust-up

Pictures: BRIAN CASSEY

Stan's nicked after bar brawl

■ by GARY NICKS
FOOTBALL badboy Stan Collymore started a bar brawl after hurling racist taunts, it was claimed last night.

The ex-Liverpool and England striker was thrown in police cells in Australia after a 3am fight in a backpackers' bar.

Eyewitnesses accused Collymore, 34, of being "blind drunk, abusive and a pain in the arse".

It's alleged that the fallen star triggered explosive scenes after calling a local a "paki" and a "wog".

Police say they handcuffed the sex-addict after he refused to leave following a run-in with Brit tourists.

Collymore, 34, says he hit out after being abused by boozers in the Woolshed club in Cairns on the Queensland coast.

He claims he's constantly teased over his seedy dogging activities and for beating up ex-lover Ulrika Jonsson, 38 in a Paris bar. But eye-witnesses last night came forward

claiming it was Collymore who triggered a fight by using racist insults.

Collymore has been ordered before magistrates on Friday to face a public order charge.

Drinkers said trouble flared when bouncers intervened between Collymore and another group of Brits.

Bundled

The doormen asked them all to leave and called the police when Collymore refused to budge.

Officers warned he would be charged if he didn't "move on".

He is said to have replied: "Don't you know who I am?"

Police didn't and he was bundled into the back of a squad car threatening to "get his lawyers on to them".

One backpacker said: "I didn't want to talk to him because I think he is an arse for what he did to Ulrika Jonsson, but he thought we should all be paying him attention."

Another claimed that Collymore started calling an Aussie guy a "paki". He had him by the throat.

The witness also said when the

bouncers tried to break it up Collymore called them "wogs" and told the local "we don't want you in this country".

The man said: "That's a bit surprising because it's not his country."

Brit drinker Tommy Stanfield, 24, was also in the bar.

He said: "He had some kind of dispute with other Brits in the club who had been taking the mickey."

"They were all asked to leave. The police were called and a male and female officer just asked him to move on."

"But he refused and wouldn't let it drop. He was really playing the 'big I am'."

Cairns police spokesman Brett Davis said Collymore will have to appear before local magistrates.

He said: "It is a very minor offence and he will probably get a fine."

"But who is he? We've never heard of him."

Collymore was in the bar with a girl he met in Australia. He had been in Sydney making a documentary.

It's not the first time he has been embroiled in a fight triggered by alleged racist comments.

Rugby ace Robbie Fleck, 30, was set to sue Collymore for calling him a racist after a Dublin bust-up in 2004.

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BEATEN: Sad Ulrika, above, and Collymore and admirer



Ghost 'sex trap'

A MAN rigged up a ghost chamber to spook a schoolgirl into his bed, a court heard yesterday.

Fishing lines were allegedly used to move ornaments and furniture in the 13-year-old's room. Cardiff Crown Court heard she was so terrified that she allowed the 41-year-old man to have sex with her believing it would "exorcise" the ghost.

The man, who cannot be named, denies indecent assault, attempted rape and rape. The case continues.



'999 killer gang'

AN east European gang trapped a man in an ambulance and battered him to death with iron bars, a court heard yesterday.

Romanian Eugen Breahna, 26, ran into the vehicle for safety but was caught "like a caged animal" near Bounds Green Tube station in north London, it was claimed.

The Old Bailey was told the incident may have been part of a battle over cash machine scams.

Six men deny murder. The trial continues.

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For Pete's sake, stop them!

PATROLMAN Pete - an animated car repairman from the AA children's books - could steal the Xmas No.1 from Westlife.

I hate the fact that someone who's not a real pop star - merely a naff caricature - can get to the top of the festive charts.

So fingers crossed Patrolman Pete can stop Westlife doing this.

Apparently, Westlife are doing something with Diana Ross. Let's hope it involves an aquatic fight to the death in a pool full of piranha fish.

Of course by Xmas we'll have a record out by the X Factor winner who, according to the bookies, will be Shayne. Not the winner in my book and I feel the public will vote Shayne out just to protect him from Sharon Osbourne's advances.

I don't know about getting No.1 on the Xmas charts, but it appears Sharon wants Shayne to have a new entry right here, right now. On Saturday The Divine Mrs O said she had something to give Shayne that was warm and lovely and nice smelling. How does she know the guy even **LIKES** hot chocolate?

One person who won't be getting to No.1 in the near future is poor Phillip, who was finally voted off on Saturday in spite of his best performance so far. Seriously.

The guy hit three correct notes. It was most encouraging. I wasn't quite so sure about the dancing style, which resembled a Thunderbird puppet being machine-gunned.

I do feel sorry for the fellow. The last thing that was said to him in front of a TV audience of eight million people was: "Do you want to be Shakin' Stevens?"

It's the musical equivalent of being asked: "Do you want to be Harold Shipman?"

It would appear that the judges have learned from the past and are not even trying to pretend that the winner is going to be in the slightest bit credible as a musical act. Hence the comparisons to acts

CRAIG Woodhouse from Hull was given nine months in jail this week for serial joyriding. He claimed that he only did it because being taken for a drive was the only thing that would stop his three-year-old kid from crying. I'll tell you what the worst thing about this case is - anyone who can come up with an excuse like that is some kind of genius. Let's hope on his release he finds a more worthwhile outlet for his ability.

that aren't exactly Bloc Party.

The Conway Sisters, for example, were told by Louis that they were the new Nolan Sisters.

To be fair to the girls, they held their fixed smiles in spite of the knowledge that one of the Nolans married Shane Richie.

Nicholas has been similarly damned by Sharon, who said he could be the new Craig David. Actually she said: "Move over Craig David". A wonderful notion. Especially if he's on the edge of a cliff.

Brenda continues to be sensational, leading Louis to claim that "she could sing the phone book" and make it sound great. This would give her better lyrics than Boyzone ever had as well.

My kid loves Chico more every week. I've tried taking away her toys, but it's not working.

I thought for a second that he might be Satan in human form come to walk the Earth. Then I remembered the devil has all the BEST tunes.

But the annoying git is still in there. And when the chips are down he doesn't crack.

So who knows? Maybe we'll be sitting down to turkey with Chico at No.1? If that's the case, avian flu can't come quickly enough.



DOUBLE TROUBLE

HERE'S Kelly Osbourne trying hard to hide her disappointment at the news that she'd failed the audition for a job as a Kate Moss lookalike. It seems Kate has been hiring decoys to

confuse press photographers trying to get a picture. The snappers will only realise they've been duped if the "Kate Moss" they've been following has something to eat.

LET'S PLAY BLANKETY BLUNK

DAVID Blunkett and trouble go together like bread and jam, salt and pepper, footballers and Rohypnol.

He's only just come back into the government after his enforced time off for willy-orientated waywardness, now he's up to his neck in naughty once more, after holding shares in a DNA lab. I am surprised. I would never have imagined him being on the board of some-

thing like that. Given his track record with fathering kids with married women, I expected he'd be one of its biggest customers.

Now he's back as Work and Pensions Secretary, the theory is that he could be able to use his position to try to win government contracts for the lab.

Or even just leave a few business cards lying around Number 10 in case any other ministers wanted paternity

tests carried out on kids that may or may not be theirs.

What I love about Tony Blair is that in spite of him being a ninth level black belt Jedi World Heavyweight Champion of Press Manipulation, he says, "the matter is closed".

Really? High profile Labour figure doing something you're not allowed to do? Think that'll be swept under the carpet by a Tory opposition starting to

claw its way back in the polls? Do you think for one nanosecond that David Cameron will say to his gang: "Yes, it was a slight error of judgment, but he's realised it now, so let's not give them a hard time?"

I don't think so somehow. Far more likely that they'll hire every billboard with a picture of Blunkett next to the words: "Who's been a naughty boy, then?"

A NEW test has been designed to stop undesirable elements entering the country by asking the question: "What's an MP?" If they say anything positive, then they get asylum of an entirely different kind.

A SHOCK new report claims that some police officers are "no better than criminals". That's unfair. Criminals wouldn't lie hidden in lay-bys to trap you with mobile speed cameras.

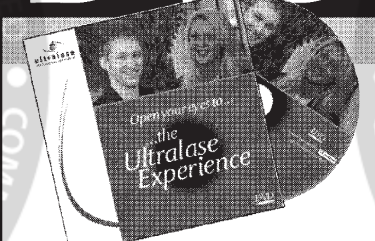
C HARLOTTE Church has turned her new flat into a Kama Sutra love-nest. I felt inspired by this and offered to turn our bedroom into a "love-nest". The missus said this was all very well, but we didn't have enough space to have a room that was only used five minutes a week.

D ARREN Day and Suzanne Shaw back together again? Whose agent brokered THAT move, I wonder?

A L Qaida have run up a £500,000 bill on a stolen British Embassy satellite phone in the Middle East. That'll teach 'em to download that Crazy Frog ringtone.

H OW is banning the sale of alcohol on trains going to stop drunken behaviour? With the prices they charge, I don't know anybody who can actually AFFORD to buy a beer on a train.

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★ **GORGEOUS** Girls Aloud are set to show they're real living dolls – with their Barbies going on sale next month.

The foxy fivesome – Nadine Coyle, 20, Cheryl Tweedy, 22, Sarah Harding, 23, Kimberley Walsh, 23, and Nicola Roberts, 19 – turned designers for Ultimate Fashion Diva Barbie.

★ Nadine picked a glamorous mini dress, Cheryl chose a crop top and jeans, Sarah's doll has a military jacket and boots, Kimberley went for a boho look and Nicola chose a halter top with white cropped trousers.

Kimberley said: "We've been

■ by **NADINE LINGE**

really involved in the creative process, sketching designs and suggesting colours and accessories for the dolls.

"They're all gorgeous – we all wished we looked like that!"

★ Cheryl has also opened her heart about her real-life Ken, soccer ace Ashley Cole, 24.

She said: "They say when you meet someone you just know, and the minute I met him I knew. I think it's nice to settle down young and have a family."

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GAME BOY: Spy Adam

Spooks call on mobiles

TOP spy series Spooks is being turned into a new mobile phone game.

Designers have made a interactive game based on the hit BBC1 show.

Players carry out missions across Britain and meet characters from the show, including Adam Carter, played by Rupert Penry-Jones, 35.

Fans are told to spy on individuals, bug locations, and track down MI5 targets and accomplices.

Anthony Lilley, of creators Magic Lantern, said: "Mobiles are perfect for this."

The game is available from the BBC website.

STAR MAN DIES

BOBBY Gray, chief sub-editor of the Daily Star when it launched in 1978 and more recently a sub-editor on the Daily Star Sunday, has died aged 64.

DON'T USE C-WORD

● Xmas lights 'offensive' ● Santa 'past sell-by date'



Stamp storm

AN "insulting" Christmas stamp showing Hindus worshipping the baby Jesus, above, should be axed, say UK leaders of the faith. Another depicting a black Virgin, right, has also caused a row. But Royal Mail chiefs have refused to withdraw them.

CHRISTMAS came under double attack yesterday as Santa Claus was dumped and even the festive season's name was banned.

Town hall bureaucrats sparked angry protests by dropping the word "Christmas" from celebrations.

Council chiefs in South London used the words "winter lights" and "celebrity lights" in promos

by STEPHEN RIGLEY

for switching on the displays that used to be called "Christmas lights".

Tory councillor Bernard Gentry said "These bureaucrats seem to think it is offensive to other people."

"But it makes us look stupid. It is another example of council officers' political correctness."

"We should not be scared to acknowledge the Christian festival of Christmas in the same way

as we mark the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Muslim month of Ramadan and the Jewish Yom Kippur."

In three districts of Lambeth, "winter lights" are being turned on, while in a fourth area the event is described as the switching on of "celebrity lights".

Killjoy

Only in one district are residents being invited to see the "Christmas lights" going on. A council spokesman said: "The term 'winter lights' simply reflects the fact that a number of religious festivals take place over the winter period."

Meanwhile, Father Christmas Eddie Cooke has had his charity grotto axed because killjoy shopping centre bosses say it is out of date.

Eddie, 58, has donned his Santa suit at the Meridian Centre in Havant, Hants, every December for the past 10 years.

But manager Paul Winteringham said: "Christmas grottos are past their sell-by date and this one was becoming very tired."

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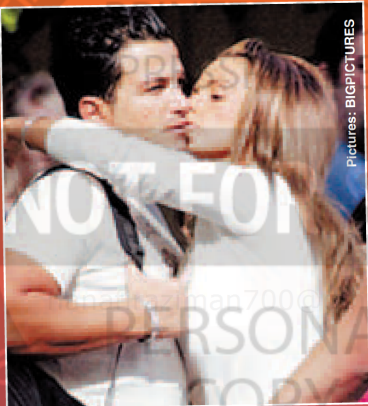
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Kissing Kate's chest great

NO wonder **Kate Price** wants her naughty pillows reduced. The sexpot's breasts have created such a huge gulf between herself and husband **Peter Andre**, 32, she could barely reach to give him a snog. Our spy said: "Kate entertained onlookers in Las Vegas by complaining that her boobs were making her lose her balance when she showered Peter with kisses at the end of their trip." Kate, 27, seems to have overcome the problem by clinging onto Peter's face with her mouth.



QUICKIE..

HOLLYOAKS honey **Gemma Atkinson** is recovering after seeing a ghost at Brannigans Bar in Manchester's Peter Street. The 21-year-old, who plays Lisa Hunter, was in the former Methodist church with pals, including **Galaxy 102** presenter **Wes Butters**. Wes, 24, said: "It was freaky. All of a sudden, there was a huge dark figure looking down on us."

QUICKIE..

SERIAL blubberer **Jayne Middlemiss** is desperate for children, but nobody wants to make babies with her. Jayne, 34, who's been single for two years, failed to find romance on **Celebrity Love Island** and fears she will become an old maid. She complained: "I'd love to have a baby but men don't approach me."

QUICKIE..

ELIZABETHTOWN star **Kirsten Dunst** vowed never to let her kids be child stars like her mum did. The 23-year-old, who was in **Interview With A Vampire** aged 11, said mum Inez was living her own dream through her.

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DAMON'S £90k WATCHES FOR BECKHAM KIDS

VICTORIA and **David Beckham's** three sons are following in the footsteps of their parents when it comes to a passion for fashion and extravagant jewels.

And we can reveal that king of bling music mogul turned entrepreneur **Damon Dash** is planning to give them a designer watch worth more than £30,000 EACH as an early Christmas gift.

Six-year-old **Brooklyn**, **Romeo**, three, and nine-month-old **Cruz** will be able to treasure their diamond encrusted Tifect watches until they're old enough to wear the luxury items.

An insider said: "Damon is good pals with Victoria and has been since she was the face of his former clothes range Rocawear in 2002."

"He launched this range of designer watches along with celebrity jeweller **Daniel Lazar** and there is already such a demand for them, there is a huge waiting list." And the Beckham boys, whose

dad is seeking to boost his Real Madrid salary to £190,000 a week, are certainly lucky lads.

The watches, sought after by **Kimberly Stewart**, 26, and **P. Diddy**, 35, retail for £17,000 to £450,000 and are a celebrity essential in the States.

Just last week, Damon, 35, and his 13-year-old son **Damon Jr.** threw a lavish party to promote the luxury watch brand on 5th Avenue in New York.

And pals said the event, in association with Rolls Royce, was one to remember with a glittering roll-call of A-list guests including **Naomi Campbell**, 35, and catering by exclusive restaurant Cipriani's.

Generous

We're told: "Everyone who was anyone was there. Damon is hugely popular and proved very generous indeed."

"He loves the Beckham boys and knows they will grow up to be fine, respectful people but just wanted them to have something to remind them of him."

And the lads will take after their parents when they eventually wear their luxury watches.

Victoria, 31, bought her husband a lavish gold and diamond ring for his 30th birthday this year and the couple are well known for commissioning jewellery.

Our Stateside spy added: "Damon is also having the three watches engraved for the boys."

What a guy! Still Damon, Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend....



TIME LORD: Damon Dash

Coleen on roll with £25,000 wallpaper

COLEEN McLoughlin is determined to make her new home with boyfriend **Wayne Rooney** the envy of footballers' wives across Britain.

So the sexy chav, 19, has spent a staggering £25,000 on wallpaper for their swish £4 million mansion in the flashy village of Prestbury, Cheshire.

The shopaholic has been engrossed

with lifestyle and home magazines ever since Manchester United ace Wayne, 20, agreed to fork out for the lavish pile.

And when she read that handprinted Pugin Of London paper hangs in the homes of celebs such as **Madonna**, 47, **Sir Elton John**, 58, and **George Michael**, 42, she whipped out the loaded lad's credit card and stuck in an order for the £300-a-roll wallcovering.

A close pal told us: "Coleen says money is no object when it comes to kitting out their new house."

"But she's keeping the wallpaper's pattern a surprise."

We suspect it'll be the Burberry check....

NICKY Hilton has incurred the wrath of big sis **Paris** for accepting an invitation to **Nicole Richie's** wedding. In April, Paris, 24, issued a statement saying: "It is no big secret that Nicole and I are no longer friends."

So she's furious with Nicky, 23, for agreeing to watch Nicole tie the knot with DJ **Adam Goldstein**, 21, next year. Our Stateside spy said: "Nicky still likes Nicole and doesn't want to share Paris' feuds. She says she feels like Cinderella being banned from the ball by her sister."

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SPOTTED

IN London: **Terry Gilliam**, **Michael Palin** and **Terry Jones** having breakfast at Claridge's; **Jonathan Ross** buying fireworks at Harrods; **Nadia Almada** at Green Park Tube station; **Richard E Grant** at Cocoon Restaurant, Regent Street; **Boris Becker** sampling cheeses at Fortnum and Mason; **Mick Hucknell** eating fish and chips at Le Caprice, Mayfair.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH well-known film star is currently chasing a London based high-flying city worker in a bid to become his new boyfriend? But the cheeky chap in question has a reputation for luring young lads with lavish gifts and plying them with booze. And his friends reckon he's so obsessed with sex that he needs to see a shrink...



Picture: REX FEATURES

A ghoul's night out

YOU'D think showbiz types would tire of getting tarted up in bizarre outfits. After all, it's what they do for their day jobs.

But, hell, Halloween's a real big deal across the Pond, so Yank royalty was out in force come the witching hour. **Lindsay Lohan**, 19, looked a tad glum as she looked for a party to go to in New York, left.

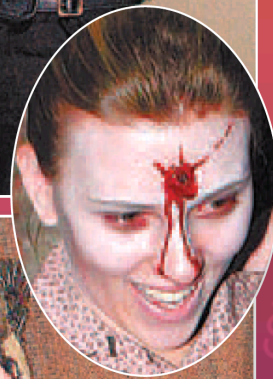
Cameron Diaz, 33, and **Justin Timberlake**, 24, raved it up in Manhattan, wearing masquerade masks as a nod to the seasonal spookfest, far right.

Cameron was certainly getting in the party mood – she looked decidedly squiffy. Not that toyboy Timberlake, 24, complained when she threw off her mask and wrapped herself around him, top right.

Madonna's ex **Dennis Rodman**, 42, didn't even have to try to affect an alarming look at the Manhattan monster mash, such is the cross-dresser's style, right.

But the prize for managing a smile when you've got a bullet-hole in your forehead went to **Scarlett Johansson**, 20, inset right.

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'150 QUADRILLION TO ONE SAYS HE DUNNIT'

BLOOD at the scene of the murder of backpacker Peter Falconio was a 150 quadrillion-to-one match to his alleged killer, a court heard yesterday.

The perfect DNA match was found on the T-shirt of Mr Falconio's girlfriend Joanne Lees. Joanne, 32, told police she was attacked by the same gunman in the Australian outback. The staggering figure - 150 followed by 15 zeros -

■ from FRANK THORNE in Darwin

was revealed by forensic expert Carmen Eckhoff in a court in Darwin, northern Australia yesterday. She was giving evidence against drifter Bradley John Murdoch, 47.

Match

He is accused shooting Brit Mr Falconio, 28, on a desert road.

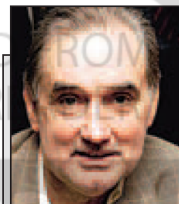
Miss Eckhoff said she tested various blood spots on the light blue French Connection T-shirt worn by

Joanne when she was attacked four years ago.

The forensic expert told the court the DNA was "an exact match of Bradley John Murdoch". She said it was 150-quadrillion-to-one that the DNA was that of Murdoch rather than any other male person selected at random in Australia's Northern Territory.

Mr Falconio's body has never been found. But Miss Eckhoff confirmed blood at the scene was definitely his. The trial continues.

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SMILE: George Best

Best on kidney machine

GEORGE Best was put on a kidney dialysis machine yesterday.

But the ailing football legend managed a "big smile" and nodded to indicate he was feeling better.

His agent Phil Hughes, speaking at the Cromwell Hospital in west London, said: "It is the first time he has been on it. It is just to give his kidneys some extra help and a bit of a boost."

"He's a bit more comfortable, but he is not talking. He is very tired and still very sore. I got a big smile from him this morning which is a lot better than yesterday."



DNA MATCH: Defendant Murdoch is led into court, and inset, Peter Falconio

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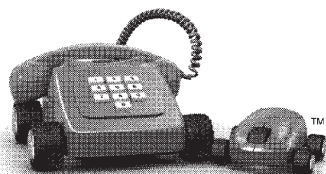
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Girls up for the cups



★ THESE full-of-beans babes are causing a stir as sexy stewardesses for a new coffee firm calendar.
★ One beauty enjoys a quick espresso dressed in a pilot's uniform while a blonde gets down and

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dirty in overalls. A third 50s-style shot sees a saucy stewardess flash her stocking tops as she makes a great escape by parachute, while another has an efficient air hostess serve

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MOVE: Hunter to Hope

HOLLYOAKS favourite Alex Carter, who plays Lee Hunter, is to join rival soap Emmerdale.

Alex, 22, will arrive in the village early in the New Year as Jamie, the son of Bob Hope (Tony Audenshaw, 41).

Alex - who turns up to witness his dad's marriage - to

SWITCH FOR ALEX

by NIGEL PAULEY

mutton-dressed-as-lamb shopkeeper Viv (Deena Payne, 51) - won Best Comedy Performance at the Brit Soap Awards last year as Hollyoaks' beautician Lee. He said: "Jamie is a chip off the

old block, but has a slightly strained relationship with his dad."

Alex is one of three new faces appearing in Emmerdale. Another newcomer is feisty barmaid Tonicha Daggert, played by Kerry Stacey, 28. Tonicha is

Danny Daggert's (Cleveland Campbell, 26) cousin and has been living in Portugal, where she bumps into Paddy (Dominic Brunt, 35) on holiday.

Meanwhile, smooth-talking Irish vet Hari Prasad will arrive during December. Hari (John Nayagam, 30) is an old university friend of Paddy's and has a business proposition which he hopes that Paddy can't refuse.

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ORDERS AT THE BAR:
Newcomer Kerry Stacey as Tonicha Daggert

■ **ARCHERS** veteran Mary Wimbush has died minutes after recording an episode of the BBC radio soap. The actress, who had played Julia Pargetter-Carmichael for 13 years, collapsed in Birmingham. Mary, 81, was also known to millions of fans as Bertie's aunt in ITV's Jeeves and Wooster series.

SUNITA SEX-RAT SHOCK

CORRIE mum-to-be Sunita Alahan's life will fall apart when she finds out husband Dev has five love children.

Sunita (outgoing star Shobna Gulati, 38) will have her heart broken by Dev (Jimmi Harkishin, 39) when one of his shop girls is taken ill.

Ravinder (Mina Anwar, 36) is rushed to hospital,

and when Sunita looks after her daughter, she sees a picture of her cosy up with Dev.

Sunita then learns that Dev has four more girls by three other employees - so gives him the boot.

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I can tell if a woman smokes from 40ft away

☐ I can tell if a woman smokes from about 40ft away. Cos they got smoker's face. Yuk. **marko**

☐ If people want to smoke they should be left to do it without others moaning. I smoke and my teeth r like a burnt fence. I dont care! **nigey swaino, milehouse**

☐ Smoking should never be banned in restaurants. I love a fag. **Scott mckay**

☐ I retired 6 yrs ago. My firm gave me £2 a day 4 turning in & another £10 4 completing da wk. We lost £10 + £2 if we ad a day off & wasnt ill. So da idea isnt new. **O.A.P.**

☐ Bookies should be banned, another weekend im staying in, blew all my wages. **Dani scott, roseworth**

☐ whatever the money beckas makes with posh you could double it if he had married jordan. **anna**

☐ best is a prat - how must the donor family feel? organ transplant patients like me feel sick with rage at his abuse of a second chance. **Lee**

☐ re. X fan - what's wrong w/ flyin yer county's flag? U muppet. **kenny, ulster**

☐ 2 x fac fan lurgan, in case u mite not have noticed but that "rag" happens 2 b his country's flag and yours, u muppet. **jonny**

☐ The ulster flag is the flag of our country. Maybe philip is proud of it! Ur just a bigot that holds this country back! Get real saddy! **THE QC carrick!**

☐ To Ugh: we should ban the union jack cos britain aint even a country. give us all our freedom. **william Wallace**

☐ bring back national service. sort out trouble n give kids self respect. **big dave**

☐ Just been to leeds on a stag night. the women there are years behind the times. they're still wearing rara skirts and monkey boots. **glitter, roseworth**

☐ How many times must Blunkett break the rules b4 he is sacked 4 good? I mean our good not his. **AJ in Suffolk**

☐ me and my neighbour cnt keep r eyes off each ova, im single n shes wiv an old boarin fart n vry unhapy! Shud i make a move? **BOLTON DUDE**

☐ 2 kaz: @ least us bikers n car drivers pay 2 use the roads w/ insurance n road tax. wat u do slows every1 down n leaves shit everywhere. **Dave, killie**

☐ Kaz, once you have passed a riding test, taxed, tested and third party insured your horse, you should shut the hell up! **FILTERMAN**

☐ To John leigh: choc bars r na shrinking. it must just b u getting fat eating them and them just looking littler because your hand is so big. **Sober daz fae Keith**

☐ plittin thing, u shouldnt tar everyone with the same brush as urs. i work goddam hard 2 provide 4 my child! **Kim**

☐ wot u on about? Corrie shoulda won nta. Ive lost respect for eastenders now quick-fix mitchells are back. **JK**

☐ help! i like a guy in my office too. wish hed come up n tel me. dont wanna lay it on a plate for him tho. **AMY**

☐ whats going on in the british music scene? it is full of crap bands who cant sing or play. good job we have the ordinary boys. by far the best band britan

as seen for a long time. **mark**

☐ WHAT MAKES LEE MACK THE NEW PRESENTER ON THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER? THINK HE'S FUNNY? GET HIM OFF THE SCREEN. BRING BACK NICK HANCOCK. HE WAS THE BEST. **BIG BLUE EYES**

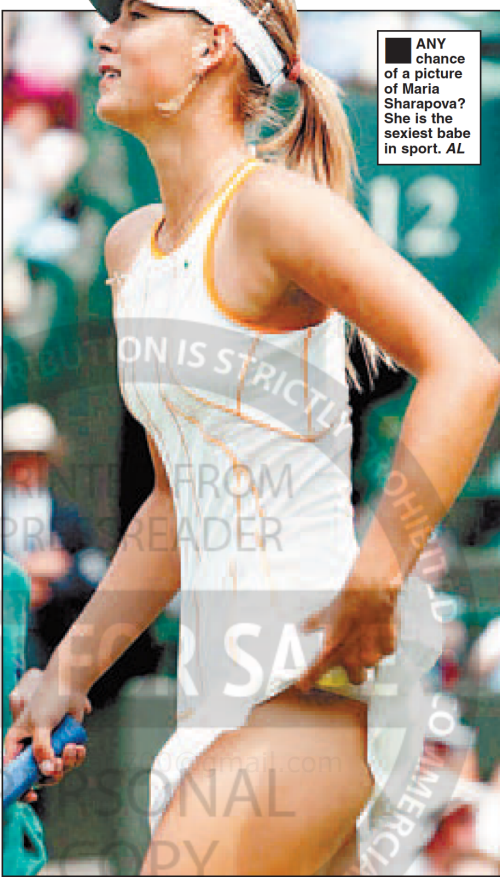
☐ 2 all goths: who came 2 Whitby goth w-end? U all luk truly amazin. Those hearse r wicked. Can't wait 2 c u all next time. **3 Non Goths**

☐ Just watched Danniella doc on 5. She is brave and inspirational person. What a comeback from depths of addiction. Nice one Danni. **Paul**

☐ So Sharon Osbourne wants to snog Shayne. grow up n just carry on livin thru ur hubby's fame u sad plastic faced old bat. **MAIDENITE**

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HEAR about the blonde who got fired from her job as a quality controller at an M&M's factory? She threw out all the ones marked W&W.

S. SMITH, Blackpool, Lancs.
TWO blokes are talking about motors. One says: "My brother once decided to create a whole new car."

"He took the engine from a Ferrari, the bodywork from a Mercedes and the wheels and brakes from a BMW."

His pal says: "So what did he get?" "Ten years."

A. BAKER, Dagenham, Essex.

Jokes by text...
DAVID Beckham walks into his local pub. The barman says: "A pint of your usual, David?" Becks says: "No. Just a half, then I'm off." **DUNNERZ**

Q: Why are men like mascara? **A:** They run at the first sign of emotion. **CATWOMAN**

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SO bank Abbey is bringing 1,000 call centre jobs back to Britain (Daily Star, October 27.)

It just shows how stupid the idea was to run its call centre in India in the first place.

You might have thought the bank would realise the language difference could be a problem. I thought banks were supposed to be prudent with our cash. What a waste of money!

B. ROBSON, Musselburgh, Midlothian.
WHY is everyone knocking X Factor contestant Chico? He's a brilliant performer.

He picks the best songs to sing and you can't help but smile when you see him on stage where he belongs, doing what he does best. I truly believe Chico will go far.

CARRIE-ANN BROWN, Southorpe, Lines.

I BOUGHT a box of Christmas mince pies from Tesco last week and was stunned to discover the "best before" date was in the middle of December.

Well, they do say Christmas is coming earlier every year.

Mr B. PARSONS, Bromley, Kent.

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Me and sam dingle of EMMERDALE, happy sod - Bethnal Grn Nick

Time 2 ban fireworks

☐ FIREWORKS should be BANNED. Organised displays is the only way forward. SICK OF SELFISH MORONS letting em off 24hrs a day. yes NOON & NIGHT! **GUY**

☐ I AM SICKENED BY SICK-OS KILLING YORKIE EMMIE WTV FIREWORKS. EVIL SCUM. I'D HAPPILY TIE F'WORKS 2 THEIR DINGLY BITS & BLOW THEM UP. **GILL**

☐ those sicko dog killers should be looking over

their shoulders right now. nov 5th is looming - we know where you live! **Psycholaw**

☐ The lads that killed that poor dog want some fireworks up their a**e. **MAD JOCK**

☐ if ever there was a comedy of the year, it has got to be les n cilla getting wed. Brilliant. **Paul, Hull**

☐ 2 MIKE: US SINGLE MUMS CANT LEAVE KIDS AT HOME. NO ONE 2 MIND THEM STUPID. **LOU**

☐ MIKE: U R A W****R 4 THINKIN ALL SINGLE MUMS R THEIFS OR THAT IT'S THEIR FAULT 4 BEING A SINGLE MUM. **ALI G**

☐ please tell me y rooneys bird was at the tv awards. **GET A JOB, anon**

☐ 2 CPB. take more than 50 frocks & 40 staff 2 make silk purse of sows ear. **margo**

☐ hope ur not rite mr bates about gov taxing botty burps or its curtains 4 me. **TRUMPET TROUSERS**

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